

Per-beneficiary payment for primary care

ISSUE: With the aim of bolstering primary care, the Commission made a recommendation in 2008 for a primary care bonus payment under the Medicare fee schedule for physicians and other health professionals. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 created such a bonus program. However, the primary care bonus program expires at the end of 2015.

KEY POINTS: Staff will review a draft chapter for the June report that discusses replacing the primary care bonus after it expires with a per-beneficiary payment for primary care.

ACTION: Commissioners should provide comments on the draft chapter.

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